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Depot to outline plans for groundwater cleanup at Main Installation

MEMPHIS, TENN. – The former Memphis Depot will conduct a public briefing July 21, 2005, to present the final design of the cleanup remedy for groundwater at the Main Installation. The briefing will be held at 6:00 p.m. at the South Memphis Senior Citizen's Center, 1620 Marjorie Street, Memphis, Tenn..

The Depot's environmental contractors will provide details of the Remedial Design for the Main Installation (MI), which is now the Memphis Depot Business Park.

The selected remedy for groundwater at MI includes Enhanced Bioremediation Treatment (EBT) at two treatment areas, Monitored Natural Attenuation (MNA) outside the treatment areas, and land use controls to prevent use of the shallow aquifer beneath the MI.

The Remedial Design describes the engineering solution that will be used to implement the cleanup remedy. EPA and TDEC approved the Remedial Design in August 2004.

The Remedial Design also outlines the proposed schedule for the cleanup, or Remedial Action. The Remedial Action, the final stage of the cleanup process regulated by EPA under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), is scheduled to begin winter 2005.

The Defense Logistics Agency (DLA), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) will review the effectiveness of this remedy at five-year intervals to ensure the site continues to be safe for community reuse.

The Main Installation Record of Decision and the Final Remedial Design are available for reference in the Depot's two Information Repositories, located at the former Memphis Depot and the Cherokee Library.

For more information, contact the Depot's Community Relations Office at (901) 774-3683.

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